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SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC ASSISTANCE

REFS: A) CANBERRA 491; B) SUVA 162

1. APPRECIATIVE AND COOPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE EVIDENCED IN FIRST PORTIONS OF STATE/AID TEAM VISIT (REFS. A AND B) CONTINUED DURING FINAL MAJOR STOP IN WESTERN SAMOA.

2. BILATERAL PROJECTS: VISITING TEAM MET WITH WESTERN SAMOAN AID COORDINATING COMMITTEE (ACC) OVER TWO DAY PERIOD. ON FIRST DAY U.S. SIDE OUTLINED GUIDELINES OF OUR ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS AND ANSWERED A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS FROM MINISTERS AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS ON WHAT U.S. COULD AND COULD NOT DO UNDER PRESENT POLICIES GOVERNING SOUTH PACIFIC ASSISTANCE. BENEFITING FROM THIS BRIEFING, SAMOAN
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3. FORUM LINE SHIP: IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TEAM MADE OFFER OF SHIP PVT. GEORGE J. PETERS ON QUOTE AS IS UNQUOTE BASIS. SAMOANS WERE TOLD REFURBISHING COSTS WOULD AMOUNT TO BETWEEN DOLLARS 200,000 AND DOLLARS 700,000 AND THAT THERE WAS NO WAY FOR USG TO BEAR THIS EXPENSE. SAMOANS ACCEPTED THIS WITHOUT REAL COMMENT AND READILY AGREED WITH TEAM RECOMMENDATION THAT NEXT STEP WAS TO HAVE INDEPENDENT MARINE SURVEY UNDERTAKEN ON THE VESSEL. TEAM AGREED TO PUT SAMOANS IN CONTACT WITH AT LEAST TWO APPROPRIATE SURVEYORS IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH ONE OF WHOM THE SAMOANS COULD CONTRACT DIRECTLY. WE HOPE TO HAVE THIS GROUNDWORK LAID WITHIN THE WEEK.

4. P.L.-480: THE SAMOANS REQUEST FOR CORN WAS SCALED DOWN FROM 6,000 TONS TO ABOUT 100 TONS ANNUALLY. IT IS DOUBTFUL SUCH A SMALL PROGRAM IS FEASIBLE BUT WE WILL EXPLORE THE MATTER HERE. THE SAMOANS ALSO ASKED ABOUT A FOOD PRODUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM WHICH MIGHT BE MANAGED UNDER TITLE II. ON BOTH OF THESE MATTERS TEAM DID NO MORE THAN TO PROMISE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER MORE FULLY IN WASHINGTON.

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5. FINAL STOPS: AFTER LEAVING APIA TEAM STOPPED IN PAGO PAGO TO BRIEF GOVERNOR BARNETT ON ITS MISSION AND HELD BRIEF GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH EAST-WEST CENTER IN HONOLULU AND ASIA FOUNDATION IN SAN FRANCISCO. BOTH OF THE LATTER ORGANIZATIONS APPEARED GENUINELY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING THEIR PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND STATES.

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